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# A NOTE ON WEAKLY AND ALMOST CONTINUOUS MULTIFUNCTIONS

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#### Abstract

In [5] and [6] Kovačević introduced the notions of an  $\alpha$ -regular set and  $\alpha$ -almost regular set. The purpose of the present note is to generalize some results from [7] - [11], [13] and [16], using the notions of an  $\alpha$ -regular set and  $\alpha$ -almost regular set.

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## 1. Introduction

The weak continuous multifunctions are defined by us in [9] as generalizations of univocal weak continuous functions defined by Levine in [7]. Smithson also defines weak continuous multifunctions in [17]. Some of the applications of weak continuous multifunctions are given in [1], [2], [10], [13], [14].

In [11] we defined almost continuous multifunctions as a generalization of univocal almost continuous functions defined by Singal and Singal in [16]. The properties of almost continuous multifunctions are studied in [4], [12] and [13].

Definition 1. Let X and Y be two topological spaces.

- a) The multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is upper weakly continuous (u. w. c.), respectively, upper almost continuos (u. a. c.), in the point  $x \in X$ , if for every open set  $G \subset Y$  with  $F(x) \subset G$ , there exists an open set  $V \subset X$  containing x, so that  $F(V) \subset Cl(G)$ , respectively,  $F(V) \subset Int Cl(G)$  (Cl(G) stands for the closure of G).
- b) The multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is lower weakly continuous (l. w. c.), respectively, lower almost continuous (l. a. c.) in the point  $x \in X$ , if for every open set  $G \subset Y$  with  $F(x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ , there exists an open set  $V \subset Y$  containing x, so that  $F(y) \cap Cl(G)$ ,  $\forall y \in V$ , respectively,  $F(y) \cap IntCl(G) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall y \in V$ .
- c) The multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is weakly continuous (w. c.), respectively, almost continuous (a. c.) in the point  $x \in X$ , if it is upper and lower weakly continuous, respectively, upper and lower almost continuous in the point x.
- d) The multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  is weakly continuous (u. w. c., l. w. c.), respectively, almost continuous (u. a. c., l. a. c.), if it has this property in any point  $x \in X$  [9], [11], [17].

The folloving implication holds:

- (1) u.s.c.  $\Rightarrow$  u.a.c.  $\Rightarrow$  u.w.c.
- (2) l.s.c.  $\Rightarrow$  l.a.c.  $\Rightarrow$  l.w.c. [9], [11], [17].

In the present paper using the notions of an  $\alpha$ -regular set and  $\alpha$ - almost regular set defined by Kovačević in [5] and [6] we shall generalize some results from [7] – [11], [13] and [16].

**Definition 2.** Let X be a topological space and A a subset of X. The set A is  $\alpha$ -regular ( $\alpha$ -almost regular) if for any point  $a \in A$  and any open (regulary open) set U containing a, there exists an open set V such that  $a \in V \wedge Cl(V) \subset U$  [5], [6].

**Definition 3.** A subset A of a topological space X is strictly paracompact [3] ( or  $\alpha$ -paracompact [18] ), if for every X-open cover U of A there exists on X-open X-locally finite family V which refines U and cover A.

**Lemma 1.** If A is an  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of a space X, U an open neighbourhoud of A, then there exists an open neighbourhoud V of A such that  $A \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset U$ . ([5], Theorem 2.5).

**Lemma 2.** If A is an  $\alpha$ -almost regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of a topological space X, U a regular open neighbourhood of A, then there exists an open neighbourhood V of A such that  $A \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset U$ .

Proof. It is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.5 of [5].

#### 2. Results

**Theorem 1.** For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  for which F(x) is an  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact set of Y the concept of multifunction u. w. c. in  $x \in X$  and the concept of multifunction u. s. c. in  $x \in X$  coincide.

**Proof.** Let us suppose the multifunction F u. w. c. in x. Let G be an open set such that  $F(x) \subset G$ . As F(x) is  $\alpha$ -regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact by Lemma 1 there exists an open set V such that  $F(x) \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset G$ . Since F is u. w. c. in x and  $F(x) \subset V$  there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F(U) \subset Cl(V)$  and thus  $F(U) \subset G$ . The multifunction F is thus u. s. c.

The reciprocity is obvious.

Corollary 1. For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  where Y is a regular space and for which F(x) has a finite number of elements, the concept of multifunction u. w. c. in x coincides with the concept of multifunction u. s. c. in x ([9], Theorem 1).

Corollary 2. For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  with  $YT_3$  space and for which F(x) is strictly paracompact set, the concept of multifunction u. w. c. in x coincides with the concept of multifunction u. s. c. in x ([11], Theorem 3).

Lemma 3. If A is an  $\alpha$ -regular set of X, then for every open set D which intersects A, there exists an open set  $D_A$  so that  $A \cap D_A \neq \emptyset$  and  $Cl(D_A) \subset D$ .

Proof. Let A be an  $\alpha$ -regular subset of X and D an open set such that  $A\cap D\neq\emptyset$ . Let  $x\in A\cap D$ . Then  $x\bar{\in}(X-D)$  and (X-D) is a closed set. By Definition 2.2 of [5] there exist disjoint open neighbourhoods of x and (X-D). Thus  $x\in U$ ,  $X-D\subset V$  and  $U\cap V=\emptyset$ , which implies  $U\cap Cl(V)=\emptyset$  and  $x\bar{\in}Cl(V)$ . Let  $D_A=X-Cl(V)$ . Then  $x\in D_A$  and thus  $A\cap D_A\neq\emptyset$ . On other hand,  $Cl(D_A)=Cl(X-Cl(V))\subset Cl(X-V)=X-V\subset D$ .

**Theorem 2.** For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  for which F(x) is an  $\alpha$ -regular set, the concept of multifunction l. w. c. in x coincides with the concept of multifunction l. s. c. in x.

**Proof.** Let us suppose F l. w. c. in x and G an open set of Y such that  $F(x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . As F(x) is  $\alpha$ -regular, by Lemma 3 there exists an open set  $D \subset Y$  such that  $F(x) \cap D \neq \emptyset$  and  $Cl(D) \subset G$ . As F is l. w. c. in x, there exists an open set  $V \subset X$  with  $x \in V$  and  $F(y) \cap Cl(D) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall y \in V$  and thus  $F(y) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall y \in V$  as well, and this shows that F is l. s. c. in x.

Reciprocally, if the multifunction F is l. s. c. in x it is obvious by l. w. c. in x.

Corollary 3. For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , where Y is a regular space, the l. w. c. and l. s. c. multifunctions notions coincide. ([9], Theorem 2).

Corollary 4. For the single valued multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , with a Y regular space, the notions of weak continuity and continuity coincide. ([7], Theorem 2).

**Definition 4.** A topological space X is almost regular if for any point  $x \in X$  and each regular closed  $A \subset X$  with  $x \in A$ , there exist disjoint open sets U and V such that  $x \in U$  and  $A \subset V$  [15].

**Theorem 3.** For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , for which F(x) is an  $\alpha$ -almost regular  $\alpha$ -paracompact subset of Y the concept of multifunction u. w. c. in x and the concept of multifunction u. a. c. in x coincide.

**Proof.** Let G be a regular open set in Y and  $x \in F^+(G)$ , namely  $F(x) \subset G$ . Since F(x) is  $\alpha$ -almost regular by Lemma 2 there exists an open set  $V \subset Y$  such that  $F(x) \subset V \subset Cl(V) \subset G$ . Since F is u. w. c. and  $F(x) \subset V$ , there exists an open set  $U \subset X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F(U) \subset Cl(V) \subset G$ . So,  $x \in U \subset F^+(G)$ . Thus  $F^+(G)$  is open in X and by Theorem 2.4, the implication  $(3) \Rightarrow (1)$  of [11] F is u. a. c.

Reciprocally, if the multifunction F is u. a. c. in x, it is obvoius u. w. c. in x, as well.

Corollary 5. For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , where Y is an almost regular space, and for which F(x) is a strictly paracompact set, the concept of multifunction u. w. c. in x coincides with the concept of multifunction u. a. c. in x ([13], Theorem 2.3).

Lemma 4. If A is an  $\alpha$ -almost regular set of X, then for any regular closed set F of X and any point  $x \in A$  such that  $x \in X - F$ , there exist disjoint open sets containing x and F, respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $x \in A$  and  $x \in F$ . Since  $x \in F$ , then  $x \in X - F$ . As X - F is a regular open set and  $x \in X - F$  there is an open set V such that  $x \in V \subset Cl(V) \subset X - F$ . Let D = X - Cl(V), then  $D \supset F, x \in V$  and  $D \cap V \neq \emptyset$ .

Lemma 5. If A is an  $\alpha$ -almost regular set of X, then for every regular open set D which intersects A, there exists an open set  $D_A$ , so that  $A \cap D_A \neq \emptyset$  and  $Cl(D_A) \subset D$ .

**Proof.** It is similar to the proof of Lemma 3 and follows by Lemma 4 and Definition 2.

**Theorem 4.** For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , for which F(x) is an  $\alpha$ -almost regular set, the concept of multifunction l. w. c. in x coincides with the concept of multifunction l. a. c. in x.

Proof. Let us suppose that F l. w. c. in x and G is a regular open set of Y such that  $F(x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . Since F(x) is  $\alpha$ -almost regular by Lemma 5 there exists an open set  $D \subset Y$ , as  $F(x) \cap D \neq \emptyset$  and  $Cl(D) \subset G$ . Since F is l. w. c. in x, there exists an open set  $V \subset X$  with  $x \in V$  and  $F(y) \cap Cl(D) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall y \in V$  and thus  $F(y) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall x \in V$ . So,  $x \in V \subset F^-(G)$  which shows that  $F^-(G)$  is open, and so F is l. a. c. according to Theorem 2.2, implication (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) of [11].

Corollary 6. For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , where Y is an almost regular space, weak continuity coincides with the almost continuity ([8], Theorem 1).

Corollary 7. For univocal applications with values in an almost regular space, weak continuity coincides with the almost continuity ([8], Theorem 1).

Definition 5. Let X be a topological space and A a subset of X. The set A is  $\alpha$ -semiregular if for any point  $a \in A$  and any open set U containing a, there exists a regular open set V such that  $x \in V \subset U$ .

**Lemma 6.** If A is an  $\alpha$ -semiregular set of X, then for every open set D which intersects A, there is a regular open set  $D_A$ , such that  $A \cap D_A \neq \emptyset$  and  $D_A \subset D$ .

Proof. It is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.1 of [11].

**Theorem 5.** For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , for which F(x) is an  $\alpha$ -semiregular set of Y, the concept of I. a. c. multifunction in x and the concept of I. s. c. multifunction in I coincide.

Proof. Let us suppose the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$  l. a. c. in x. Let G be an open set, such that  $F(x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ . Since F(x) is  $\alpha$ -semiregular by Lemma 6, there exists a regular open set  $D \subset Y$  as  $F(x) \cap D \neq \emptyset$  and  $D \subset G$ . As F is l. a. c. in x, from Theorem 2.1, implication  $(1) \Rightarrow (4)$  of [11] results that there is an open set  $U \subset X$  such that  $x \in U$  and  $F(x) \cap D \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall x \in U$ , so  $F(x) \cap G \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall x \in U$  and thus shows that F is u. s. c. in x.

Reciprocally, if the multifunction F is u. s. c. in x, it is obviously l. a. c. in x as well.

Corollary 8. For the multifunction  $F: X \to Y$ , where Y is a semiregular space, the notions l. s. c. and l. a. c. coincide ([11], Theorem 3.1).

Corollary 9. For single valued mapping  $f: X \to Y$  with a Y semiregular space, the notion of almost continuous function and continuous function coincide ([16], Theorem 2.4).

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#### REZIME

# PRIMEDBE NA SLABO I SKORO NEPREKIDNE MULTIFUNKCIJE

U [5] i [6] Kovačević je uveo pojam  $\alpha$ -regularnih i  $\alpha$ -skoro regularnih skupova. Cilj ove primedbe je da se generališu rezultati dobijeni u [7]-[11], [13] i [16], koristeći pojmove  $\alpha$ -regularnih i skoro regularnih skupova.

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